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French Ambassador Alphand raised Khrushchev speech on Berlin with Elbrick on Nov 12. Latter stated situation could be dangerous and then used Moscow's 1052 as preliminary interpretation. Elbrick then said it important we show signs of solidarity in this matter. Some sort of action indicated now and this should probably be followed by later one at December NATC meeting. Tripartite discussion preferably at Bonn seems presently indicated. Pros and cons of tripartite statement discussed but no commitments made.

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Alphand inquired ~~whether~~ whether we would resort to airlift, if blockade is eventual result. Elbrick reminded him we have ~~in mind.~~ ^{in mind.} ~~And in light of this~~ ^{in mind.} ~~the would probably demand ground access if necessary~~

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Ancl

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Elbrick noted statement made Nov 10 by US. Asked if French had done something similar. Alphand replied French comment limited thus far to AFP agency story quoting informed officials.

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